

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
ANNOUNCES NEW CASE MANAGEMENT AND
ELECTRONIC CASE FILES (CM/ECF) SYSTEM**

The United States District Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania announces the adoption of a new case management and electronic case file system, known as CM/ECF. There are currently 53 United States District Courts nationwide operating on the CM/ECF system.

CM/ECF will be available in this district on July 1, 2005. Registered attorneys will be able to file documents directly with the Court over the Internet and to review their case dockets and documents online. Chief Judge Ambrose adds, *"the entire Court Family is very excited to introduce an easy to use electronic case filing system which will be a tremendous benefit to the public, the Bar and the Bench."*

On October 29, 2004, the Johnstown division invites members of the Blair, Bedford, Cambria, Clearfield, and Somerset Bar associations to the Western District Court of Pennsylvania, 319 Washington Street, Johnstown, PA 15901 for an Introduction to the CM/ECF system. The presentation will begin at 1:00 p.m., and the program will last approximately one hour until 2:00 p.m.

The CM/ECF presentation will begin with opening remarks by The Honorable Kim R. Gibson. Judge Gibson invites all members of the bar associations to attend the program, which will include a general overview of the application of CM/ECF. The presentation will also highlight the primary features of CM/ECF and advantages to registered attorneys. Attorneys will also be provided brochures regarding the CM/ECF system.

In an effort to provide all attending attorneys with CM/ECF literature, the Court requests an R.S.V.P. at least five days prior to the CM/ECF presentation. If you would like more information about the October 29, 2004 CM/ECF presentation, please feel free to contact the Johnstown division at (814) 533-4514.